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Department of Emergency Services



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Harford County Does Well During Winter Storm

(Forest Hill, MD) - - The second winter storm in less than a week resulted in little snowfall and less traffic concerns than projected. The county received approximately three inches of snow which began shortly before 7:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. The majority of the snow had stopped prior to 2:00 p.m.

The Harford County Department of Emergency Services, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was staff to Level 2, including Emergency Management, law enforcement, fire and EMS, Department of Public Works, Division of Highways and Department of Administration. The EOC concluded operations at 2:30 p.m.

More than 100 DPW personnel and contractors began work early Tuesday morning plowing and treating roads of snow and ice. As of noon all Harford County public roads were passable. State highways throughout the county were also clear by mid-morning.

During the height of the storm, between 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the Harford County 9 1 1 Center dispatched 54 calls for service; far below the number of calls the Center dispatched during the storm Sunday.

A major concern of the Department of Emergency Services is the refreezing of wet roads due to falling temperatures overnight. "As the temperature drops roads and bridges are susceptible to freezing which may lead to accidents," said Emergency Manager Rick Ayers. "Motorists are urged to use caution as the potential for "black ice" increases due to projected subfreezing temperatures," Ayers added.

A final estimate of the storm's impact to Harford County Government is not yet available.

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